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## FOR THE MIDWINTER FAIR.

Elsewhere in The Herald is pub-  
lished a partial list of the premiums  
which will be offered at the Midwin-  
ter fair. It is expected that a number  
of handsome and substantial prizes  
will be offered by various leading  
business and land men of Brownsville  
and other points throughout the Val-  
ley, which will be added to the list  
from day to day.The Herald hopes that everyone  
who has any interest whatever in the  
Valley will contribute something to-  
ward the premium list. Never was  
there a better opportunity to show en-  
terprise and public spirit than is of-  
fered now. Let all who possibly can  
do so contribute towards the premi-  
um list, and help to make it tempt-  
ing enough to bring every farmer in  
the Valley to Brownsville with his  
choicest products for the exhibit.

The farmers will do their part.

The effort of Captain Head to re-  
cruit the Rifles with a view to having  
the company attend the big encamp-  
ment of the National Guard next sum-  
mer should be encouraged. A crack  
military organization will help to ad-  
vertise the town. It is important that  
enthusiasm be made immediately as  
Captain Head states that none who  
enlist after Jan. 1 can attend the en-  
campment.TO BUY SEED FOR  
MEXICAN FARMERS

## RED CROSS WILL AID FLOOD SUFFERERS STILL FURTHER.

Places \$1,000 in Hands of United  
States Consul C. A. Miller to Fur-  
nish Farmers in Matamoros Section  
With Seed for Winter Planting.The sum of \$1,000 to buy seed for  
the poor Mexican farmers living in  
the region extending from Matamoros  
to Camargo on the Rio Grande, and  
from the latter place to Aldamas in  
the San Juan Valley, who lost their  
crops by the August flood, has been  
placed in the hands of U. S. Consul  
C. A. Miller of Matamoros by the  
American National Red Cross society.  
A telegram notifying him to that ef-  
fect was received by Consul Miller  
yesterday, from Secretary of State  
Knox.It will be remembered that, on re-  
turning recently from a relief ex-  
pedition among the flood sufferers in  
the region referred to, Mr. Miller  
stated that the worst sufferers from  
the flood and those who had received  
the least assistance were the poor  
ranch dwellers, many of whom had  
lost their entire crops by the flood  
and had not even seed for replanting.  
It is to aid these sufferers that the  
money is now furnished the consul.  
He will use it to buy corn and sor-  
ghum and such other seed as may be  
deemed best for use at this season.  
Then he will have to undertake the  
task of distributing the seed, an ar-  
duous task no doubt but probably  
not unwelcome to one who has ex-  
erted himself so cheerfully through-  
out on behalf of the helpless flood  
sufferers.

## Very Particular.

"Please, teacher!"  
"Well, Gwendoline?"  
"I told my ma I was in nouns and  
she says I may learn the proper  
nouns, but she don't want me to  
have anything to do with the com-  
mon ones."When o'er and o'er he said "Good  
Night"  
"Twas one of Cupid's larks—  
She murmured "Willie, dear, you  
might  
Save time with ditto marks."The New Year  
Means New  
Business ArrangementsConsider this Bank in arranging for 1910.  
Your account will be appreciated, no mat-  
ter the size, and we are amply prepared to  
efficiently serve you.START with the New Bank on the  
New Year.Brownsville  
Bank & Trust Co.  
Department for SavingsADD 9000 ACRES  
IRRIGATED AREATWO MONSTER PUMPS ORDERED  
FOR MISSION CANAL.To Furnish Water for Third Lift, In-  
cluding W. J. Bryan's Farm. Ex-  
penditure of About \$50,000. Com-  
pany Elects Officers.The Mission Land Improvement  
Company yesterday closed a contract  
with the Minneapolis Steel and Ma-  
chinery Company for two 36-inch  
pumps, one to be used as an auxiliary  
on the river and the other to supply  
water for the third lift, so the Herald  
learned today in an interview with R.  
N. Magill, the local sales agent for  
the Mission Company. Jas. Garbett  
represented the Minneapolis Company  
in the transaction."These two pumps," Mr. Magill  
said, "will have a joint capacity of  
70,000 gallons, and will increase the  
irrigated area of the Mission enter-  
prise by over 9,000 acres. They will  
involve an expenditure of about \$50,-  
000. The contract was finally closed  
last night, and the order wired in.  
The pumps will arrive in about thirty  
days."No time will be lost in installing  
these additional pumps," Mr. Magill  
continued, "as the company is under  
contract to furnish water for land on  
the third lift within a certain period.  
The land of Wm. J. Bryan, by the  
way, is part of that which will be wa-  
tered under this contract."The final details of organization of  
the Mission Land Improvement Com-  
pany were effected yesterday, accord-  
ing to Mr. Magill. The election of  
officers resulted in the choice of the  
following:President and manager, John J.  
Conway; secretary and treasurer, D.  
A. Kendall.Mr. Magill reports real estate as  
still lively at Mission. Among recent  
purchasers of town lots there are Dr.  
F. H. Wellcome, president of the  
Union Investment Company of Minne-  
apolis, and D. B. Chapin, of Chapin.

## HOUSE-WARMING DANCE.

Pleasant Affair Marks Formal Open-  
ing of the Miller.A very enjoyable dance furnished a  
pleasant ending to the formal house  
warming of the remodeled Miller Hotel  
yesterday. It was given in the even-  
ing in the spacious new dining-room  
which was cleared and swept, and  
garnished for the occasion with real  
Christmas-looking holly and mistle-  
toe. In addition, palms and other  
greens and roses artistically scat-  
tered about the room helped to trans-  
form the inviting eating place into an  
attractive ballroom. At the conclu-  
sion of the first dance, the main topic  
of conversation was the excellence  
of the floor which without doubt is  
the best dancing floor in the city at  
the present time.A Mexican orchestra furnished the  
music for the program of sixteen  
pieces. Supper was served between  
the halves. When the strains of  
"Home Sweet Home," announced the  
arrival of the time for saying "good  
night" they also marked the ending  
of one of the pleasantest dances held  
in Brownsville in a long time. It is  
said that this is not the last that will  
be given at the hotel.The guests were: Col. and Mrs.  
Uriah Lott, Judge and Mrs. Noah Al-  
len, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Porter, Mr.  
and Mrs. B. G. Stegman, Dr. and Mrs.  
F. C. Sizelan, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ma-  
gill, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. More, Mr. andMrs. B. L. Cain, Mesdames Loew and  
Waltzenbach, Misses Anna Kelly,  
Geraldine Kelly, Anita Kowalski, Et-  
ta Kowalski, Eugenie Brulag, Ethel  
Reed, Ray Stowe, Rosa Stowe, Marie  
Browne, Irene Browne, Mamie  
Browne, Laverne Morris and Irene  
Putegnat.Judge John Bartlett, A. Ashheim,  
Dr. H. K. Loew, R. C. Patterson, G.  
B. Murphy, R. W. Abbott, C. B. Mc-  
Collum, G. W. Dennett, Jesse Den-  
nett, E. M. Lewis, C. B. S. Wharton,  
E. A. McGary, E. F. Rorke,  
DeKlye Smith, Geo. Chase, S. L.  
Dworman, J. C. Marshall, W. H.  
Mason, Jr., Geo. McKay, R. Morris,  
Consul and Mrs. C. A. Miller of Mat-  
amoros, Mrs. L. Oliver of Houston,  
Miss Caplen, Miss Adele Caplen of  
Alta Loma and Dr. J. E. Caplen of  
Texas City.

## CLAIMS TO BE SOLVENT.

Local Lumber Company Asks That  
Receivership Be Vacated.Yesterday afternoon, Judge Bart-  
lett finished hearing the arguments in  
the matter of the application of the  
The Brownsville Lumber and Manu-  
facturing Company for a vacation of  
the receivership granted upon applica-  
tion of the Rio Grande Sash and  
Door Company of Harlingen on Nov.  
29. As the county court adjourned  
last week, this case was heard "in  
chambers."The case hinges upon the solvency  
or insolvency of the local company,  
whose property was attached on Octo-  
ber 13 by U. S. Deputy Marshal Lin-  
ton for a debt owing the National  
Lumber and Creosoting Company of  
Corsicana, which had filed suit short-  
ly before that in the Federal Court.  
Mr. Linton is still in charge of the  
property.The Rio Grande Sash and Door  
Company filed suit and applied for a  
receiver in the county court for a  
debt of \$815, on November 27 and  
two days later Emile Wise of this  
city was appointed receiver by Judge  
Bartlett.In the present proceedings which  
have occupied the past two days, the  
local company claiming that the ap-  
pointment of the receiver was not  
warranted by law has introduced evi-  
dence to prove its solvency.The assets are stated to be:  
Stock on hand \$14,000  
Real estate, \$4,000.  
(Subject to claims of \$800.)Buildings, \$6,000.  
Accounts due, \$6,500.  
Unpaid capital stock, \$14,000.Mules, wagons, fixtures, \$500.  
The liabilities are \$22,000. Coun-  
sel for the plaintiff attacked the  
schedule of assets claiming the real  
estate, the property on which the  
plant is situated is not owned by the  
Company, and that the greater part  
of the accounts due and the unpaid  
capital stock is uncollectible.At the conclusion of the arguments  
yesterday, Judge Bartlett reserved de-  
cision. Up to a late hour this after-  
noon, none had been handed down.W. H. Seabury, O. Dancy and I.  
Webster appeared for the defendant,  
and R. B. Creager and A. D. Hudson  
for the plaintiff.In addition to the above proceed-  
ings, a petition in bankruptcy against  
the company was filed in the Federal  
court on December 4, by the American  
Tie and Lumber Company, W. H. Mc-  
son, Jr., and the Texas Paint and  
Glass Co.

## Ad. Wisdom

If Wisdom's ways  
you wisely seek,  
Five things observe  
with care  
With whom you  
advertise  
Of what you advertise  
And how and where  
—With apologies to the forgotten poet—  
He never advertised  
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## SELF CULTURE CLUB.

Study of Father Ryan—Social Hour  
Varied Regular Meeting.Father Ryan, his life and works,  
occupied the meeting of the Self  
Culture Club held yesterday after-  
noon with Mrs. H. G. Dubose at her  
home on Elizabeth street. Mrs. Will  
Craig gave the club a splendid talk  
on Father Ryan's life. She was down  
on the program for a paper, but, be-  
ing very familiar with the subject,  
by reason of having been a member  
of a Ryan club during her girlhood  
days, Mrs. Craig was able to make it  
a talk. Many interesting points in  
the life of the famous Southern poet  
priest were brought out in the course  
of her remarks. Father Ryan's beau-  
tiful poem, "Song of the Mystic" was  
read by Mrs. Jason K. Bull. Mrs.  
Lowry asked questions relating to  
the subject of the lesson, after which  
a general discussion followed, which  
showed an active and intelligent in-  
terest in the subject by all.This meeting, occurring during  
Christmas week, was given a touch  
of festivity in keeping with the sea-  
son and out of the usual order of  
the club, which is devoted to study  
rather than mere pleasure. The  
meeting was opened an hour earlier  
than usual, in order that an hour  
might be devoted to social enjoy-  
ment. Puzzles were introduced as a  
pastime. A love story in the form of  
a poem with missing names was giv-  
en the members, with the object of  
supplying the missing words, each of  
which was the name of a flower. It  
was quite a pretty poem when com-  
pleted. Mrs. Craig was given a book  
as a trophy of her skill in being most  
apt at supplying the missing words.  
Ad guessing also formed a pleasing  
diversion. Later the guests were in-  
vited to the dining room, where re-  
freshments, comprising a salad  
course and an ice course, were  
served.The decorations of the pretty Du-  
bose home on this occasion attracted  
general admiration. The parlor was  
adorned with the regulation Christ-  
mas colors, with green garlands festooned from the corners of the ceiling to the chandelier, beneath which  
hung a royal Christmas bell. The  
dining room was done in the club  
colors, pink and green. Ceiling and  
windows were hung with streamers  
of crepe paper in these colors, and  
the chandelier was made a vantage  
point for festoons of the same with  
excellent effect. Flowers at various  
points about the house added to the  
festive appearance, and the entire  
environment was tasteful and attrac-  
tive in the extreme.

## To Clean Brushes.

An excellent way to clean a hair  
brush is said to be to take one-half  
cup of flour and salt mix, and rub  
through the bristles of the brush two  
or three times. Shake this mixture  
all out and the brush will be as clean  
as when new. This is better than  
washing the brush, for it does not  
soften the bristles."Papa, do lobsters have hearts?"  
"I don't know, Willie. Ask your  
sister."The  
First National Bank  
of BrownsvilleCapital - - \$100,000.00  
Surplus - - \$65,000.00Welcomes and appreciates your business,  
whether large or small, and believes its  
extensive resources developed by nearly  
eighteen years of constant, considerate,  
conservative accommodations, a splendid  
endorsement of its most satisfactory ser-  
vice to the people of Brownsville and the  
entire lower RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

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may not be able to do so when prices go up.  
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Brownsville, Texas

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Our Big Closing Out Sale Ends  
Thursday, January 6, at 6 p. m.Up to December 29th, we have sold 42 Farm Wagons and many Carriages  
and sets of Harness.Much of this has gone up the Branch Line, showing how deep has been the  
appreciation of our extraordinary CUT IN PRICES.Here are a few for the late buyers. Ask your neighbor what he paid for  
similar articles:Columbus Farm Wagons, strictly high  
grade, made of best seasoned mate-  
rials, 2 3/4 in. skein, double box 10  
ft. long, 25 in. deep.Regular Price - \$75.00  
Closing Out Price \$64.50Columbus Farm Wagons, similar to  
the above, but with 2 1/8 in. skein  
and smaller box.Regular Price - \$60.00  
Closing Out Price \$46.00Truck Wagons, 11-8 in. skein, double  
box.

\$39.50

Top Buggies, like cut in centre, piano  
box, highly finished, full wrought  
gear, selected hickory wheels, com-  
plete, with top, side curtains, etc.Regular Price - \$65.00  
Closing Out Price \$49.00\$11 Single Harness at \$8.60  
\$21 Double Harness at \$15.75\$45 Brass Mounted Double Har-  
ness, a beautiful piece of work,  
at \$34.00\$1.75 and \$2 full Leather Col-  
lars at \$1.10If you need anything in Carriages, Wagons of Harness, this is your last  
opportunity to buy at practically cost price.

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